

Section 8002 Winter Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2014
Phoenix, Arizona

- I. President Elaine Janson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and thanked Tom Madden for organizing the meeting. She welcomed those in attendance followed by introductions by the membership.

- II. Executive Director's Report - Tom Madden shared information related to the meeting logistics. He then informed the attendees that today's meeting will be a continuation of the planning that began at the fall NAFIS conference. Emphasis was placed on the need to have membership participation in developing a long term plan for the 8002 subgroup. Tom then reviewed the planning work that has been completed thus far: (1) Selection of six (6) focus questions by the Executive Board; (2) membership brainstorming session to generate responses to the focus questions; (3) membership survey generated and distributed from those responses; and (4) compilation of survey responses into five (5) target areas for further development. The membership was divided into five groups with each group assigned to one of the five (5) target areas. Instructions were distributed to provide guidance on the development of a goal for each target area. Today's session was to concentrate on the identification of objectives and corresponding action plans.
At this time, Tom Davenport presented a power point reminding the membership of our mission/vision and guiding principle, and that we must not lose focus of this during our strategic planning process:
Mission – Secure federal funding which reimburses eligible districts for tax revenue lost (for student programs) due to the federal governments removal of land from local tax roles; such revenues to be used for public education of students.
Vision – 100% funding for Section 8002.
Guiding Principle – Distribute funds fair and equitable, expand membership, no decision will destroy or harm any district.
Goal – Secure funding to increase the 2009 appropriations for Section 8002.
Objectives: (1) Develop strategy to achieve goal; (2) Enhance communication among 8002 districts; (3) Enhance communication with members of Congress; (4) Work with leadership of other NAFIS groups to form a unified front to speak with one voice (5) Cultivate leadership from within the 8002 group (6) Assure continued reauthorization of 8002 Impact Aid Program (7) Broaden participation by increasing membership and encouraging active participation by current members.

- III. Work Session on Long Range Plan – at this time the membership divided into five groups to develop their objectives, action plans and goals. At the conclusion of the planning session, there was time allotted for each group to report out to the membership:
Group #1 – How do we clarify and promote who we are? Goal – Everyone Impacted by federal impaction will have a clear understanding of who we are with a consistent message on the 8002 website.
Group #2 – How do we get Congress to understand the true impact of the loss of taxable properties? Goal – Best practices and accountability structure to continually educate, communicate and promote the non-partisan need for 8002 funding to communities & congress will be established.
Group #3 – How do we instill a sense of urgency among 8002 participants and members of congress? Goal – 100% 8002 district participation at the state level.
Group #4 – How do we utilize technology and social media to be more effective as an organization? Goal – Every impacted entity or interested constituent will have immediate and efficient access to appropriate and pertinent 8002 information.
Group #5 – What do 8002 members need from this organization and how do we make meetings and messages more valuable and meaningful? Goal – Members will feel compelled, comfortable & empowered.
Tom Madden asked each group leader to submit their results electronically.

- IV. Approval of Minutes from Fall Conference – The fall conference minutes from September 22 and 23, 2013 have been posted on SharePoint. Motion by Karen Huddleston (Oceanside USD) and seconded by Craig Hutcheson (Kittatinny Region HSD) to approve the minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

- V. Treasurers Report – Tom Gregory distributed the Section 8002 Financial Report from July 1, 2013 thru January 9, 2014. He commented that the winter conference fees were more than originally budgeted as were the expenses. It was also noted that the ending balance is still significant and the objective is to still spend down the balance. The planning process that we are undertaking will dictate how we spend future funds. At this time there is no recommendation to change the fees and dues structure. A proposed budget will be presented to the membership at the Spring NAFIS conference and voted on at the summer meeting.

- VI. NAFIS Board Update – Tom Schneider presented “Who Gives, Who Gets” theory of government. He then compared this to the Impact Aid budget process. He reviewed the budget compromise which saved many defense cuts but kept the debt ceiling debate open. He reviewed the President’s budget which focuses on entitlement programs, discretionary spending, tax revenue and deficit/surplus. At this point in time we do not know what the FY2014 budget includes for Impact Aid funding. The FY2015 Budget process will begin in February and Tom projects that the 2014 election will determine “Who Gives, and Who Gets”. Tom also reminded the membership that the Technical Amendment expires at the end of 2014. Senator Harkin is retiring and since reauthorization has been his goal, the Technical Amendment will not be introduced until ESEA is declared a non-issue. NAFIS will continue to work behind the scenes to determine when will be the best time to push the renewal of the Technical Amendment.

- VII. Old Business - None

- VIII. New Business
 - A. NAFIS Spring Conference – March 16-18, 2014 in Washington, D.C.

 - B. Items from the Membership – none

- IX. Information Items
 - A. Summer Meeting 2014 – Tom Madden reported that this meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 28, 2014.

 - B. Winter Meeting Location 2015 – Three locations were presented to the membership for consideration; San Diego, New Orleans and Austin, with San Diego and Austin receiving the most votes. Tom Madden will investigate pricing and availability for both locations and report back to the membership at the spring meeting.
NOTE: Karen Huddleston volunteered to investigate possible locations in the San Diego area.

 - C. Next Steps – Tom Madden reported to the membership that he will compile the work session data from today and that we will continue the planning process at the spring conference in Washington D.C.

- X. President Janson adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.